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MEETING NOTICE: The January TDXS meeting will be Friday the 9th at the Marriot Brookhollow, Loop I-610 at HWY 290. Exit 610 at T. C. Jester from either direction. Lying about Christmas Presents begins early in the bar and extends into the restaurant at 7:30 so you will have something to throw. The meeting will start at 8:30. Check the Lobby status board for the appropriate room. Be prepared to receive the new make-up of the Board of Directors as the "chosen few" will be introduced at this meeting. George Wagner, K5KG, will be putting on his performance "George's Delights" for your enjoyment after the normal business meeting has been completed. George has been fortunate to have operated from many exciting overseas QTH's and he promises a few hot slides and some stimulating conversation on a few of those spots.

FIELD DAY: Did you realize that Field Day is only six months away...

BANQUET RAP UP: A special Thank you is in order to some of our fellow members for their efforts in putting together another fun TDXS Winter Banquet. Al, K5BZU, made all the required arrangements for facilities while many other helped with detail work-like Kim, K5TU, making sure everyone was properly registered for prize drawings. Bob, K5IY, made sure that we had a super stack of prizes for everyone including a TV as one of the Grand Prizes!

N5CDO, Grady, assembled the BOOBY prize that was won by our own K5GA. Billy got very rapped up in the prize presentation as, I'm sure, future photographs will show. Without a doubt, Bill's cups runneth over that night. WB5MYO presented a pictorial account of the air accident he was involved in a few years back. Marshall held the crowd speechless with shots of what it looks like as one drops from the skies at thousands of feet per minute on the way to a landing in trees. As luck will have it. Marshall won the Grand Prize donated by Butternut Electronics as a reward for his efforts at entertaining all of us at the banquet.

This year's banquet was dedicated to the wives and friends of the membership in appreciation of there understanding and patience with us all this year while we were out banging our heads trying to muster winning efforts in the Sprint, Field Day and the incredible effort that was put forth to bring home a Sweepstakes gavel. In all, 65 people were in attendance...plus the bartender who was

seen jumping with joy when he found out KA5CHW wasn't going to be strapped to the bar with his climbing belt this year. If you missed out this year--don't in '81.

SWEEPSTAKES '80: The final score is in and things sure look good for a gavel. No promises, of course, because the official word won't be out until the May QST. But, from all that we can draw from the rumor mill, the nearly 5.4 million points scored by the TDXS during the November Sweepstakes should establish a new record for the medium club category. Attached is a breakdown of the individual efforts that add up to that fantastic aggregate. Congratulations, Troops, that is really showing 'em!

Only two of the awards from KA5CHW's Award Program have been announced to date pending results in QST. At the Banquet, Bob, N5DU, was selected as the winner of the Special Achievement Award for his outstanding contribution to the club score. Bob put many of us to shame with the big scores he produced using low dipoles and a tribander. The Mostest with the Leastest may have been a better title for his award. The Newcomer Award will be going to Eric, WB5WHR. One look at Eric's score is certain to send a chill down the spine of any so called old-timer. In the years to come, I am certain that the TDXS will find itself proud of the fact that Eric is one of us (gad-think about the alternative).

WAZ was: Remember the intraclub competition program set up for 1980? I dare say few do.... Some do. Come to the next meeting to find out from K5VWW who.

THANK YOU FOR 1980: 1980 was a big year for the TDXS and it is a truism to say that nothing happens unless someone does something. We had a big year because such a large number of individual members contributed their time and talents to us. So many people added something for the enjoyment of us all, it is risky to try and single them out. But, let me take that risk and mention a few. It goes without saying that the Board of Directors is the driving force of the club. N5WW, K5BZU, K5NA, K5GB, KA5CHW, K5TU, N5DU, K5VWW, K5WA, K5RC and AA5Y all served us admirably. K5MA and K5JS made sure we had plenty of paper and labels for the Bullsheets. K5BZU, his wife Jan, K5IY and WD5CHY all made sure we had plenty to drink and no money at CONVENTION '80. K5VWW and KA5CHW tackled CONVENTION '80 DX forum chores while the following members served on the convention Board of Directors - K5RC, K5MA, K5KG, W5HNS, K5AAD - with K5GA lending a helping hand. W5SG and W5DOZ took care of keeping the all important Need List up to date and kept you rowdies in line on the TDXS Tuesday night Net. N5DU provided us with a "hot" Field Day assisted by a Big list of "do'ers". I know I must surely be forgetting many and my apologies to them.

With so many talented and willing folks, we cannot help but have an even better 1981. If you did not get involved last year, please think about stepping forward this year. Believe me, the fun is in doing-not watching.....

DO YOU KNOW: Ballots will be coming out with the February Bullsheet for the following membership candidates; W5ASP, KB5FU, KD4M, W5JQ. All these fellows have been duly nominated and formally introduced at a regular TDXS meeting. As a good member, you will be expected to cast a vote in favor or against each of these gentlemen so if you do not know them now, come to the meeting Friday and make a point to single them out so you will know who you are voting for.

CONSTITUTION: Did you know that the TDXS has a honest-to-goodness constitution? We sure do and the Board of Directors constantly refers to this document during their meetings. We have taken on many new members since our sacred parchment was last published in the Bullsheet. A Copy is attached to this months mailing. Please stick this copy away with your other radio keepsakes. In this document are answers to many of the questions that seem to pop-up at meetings. The most common question and source of confusion is the method in which one becomes a member of the TDXS. Please take a moment to commit at least that portion of your constitution to memory. Much embarrassment can be avoided if we follow the guidelines.

EDITORIAL: Now I get to exercise the privilege of editorship. Even the big newspapers allow their editors a few paragraphs to babble on and create the flow of enzymes and discussion. I have been accused in the past of printing things that others talk about under their breath but not for public consumption. I do this because I believe that some things need to be said and aired. Even at the risk of bringing the wrath of a few down upon me.

Membership in the TDXS is a very special thing to me. And I think it should be to others. When I cast my vote on new members, I try and honestly evaluate if the individual has something to offer the membership. I know the club has something to offer the individual but I try and never vote YES for someone that I think will become just more dead weight. Or who is just a flash-in-the-pan type who makes a few meetings (or maybe only one) and immediately puts pressure on a friend to nominate him. After a few more months, we never see the guy again. Some people seem to think that becoming a member is part of their hobby ladder climbing exercise but in reality aren't interested in contest and haven't worked DX or in some cases even the low bands in years. The fact that one worked a couple hundred countries five or ten years ago does not make anyone eligible for membership in my eyes. I want do'ers in the club not talkers.

My point with this is to say to you the membership - Don't be pressured by others to nominate them and secondly - Don't vote YES for every individual put in front of you unless you feel that individual will add something to the club. The club is growing at a record pace now, fortunately, with the cream of the crop, in my opinion. But lets not become one of the multi-hundred member clubs that fades into history because of so much dead weight and controversy. The constitution says candidates for membership should demonstrate an interest in DX or contesting activities. If the person doesn't - don't nominate him and/or don't vote YES.

Before the bombs start coming through my window, let me state that I personally know for a fact that all the fellows mentioned earlier as candidates for membership meet the intent of the TDXS Constitution.

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TDXS 1980 SS Results

	CW				SSB		
	QSO's	Sec.	Score		QSO's	Sec.	Score
K5GN	983	73	143524	@K5KG	1214	74	179672
K5LZO	835	72	119088		1285	74	185296
N5JJ	1028	72	148032		1408	74	208384
N5WW	674	68	91664		687	67	92058
N5CDO	612	65	79560		677	74	100196
K5VWW	606	69	83628		802	74	118696
AA5Y	-	-	-		469	72	67536
K5WA	759	72	109296		1191	74	176268
K5GA	1068	74	158064		-	-	-
K5GB	550	73	80300		750	74	111000
K5DX	-	-	-		731	74	108188
K5JS	530	72	76320		-	-	-
K5RC	289	62	35836		-	-	-
K5MA	1002	73	146292		1158	74	171384
WA3OVC @WB5FND				@WB5FND			
	873	74	129204		1123	74	166204
K5ZD	-	-	-	@K5RC	1635	74	241980
N5EA	199	69	27531	Multi	680	73	99280 with WB5SFS
W5SG	536	72	77184		850	74	125800
K5BZU	-	-	-		688	74	101824
W5HNS	219	60	26280		521	72	75024
KA5CHW @K5IY				@K5IY			
	1008	73	147168		1528	74	226144
K5KG	288	61	35136		-	-	-
N5DU	878	74	129944		1291	74	191068
K5TU	489	69	67482		268	67	35912
WB5WHR	687	70	96180		955	73	139430
N5ATC	406	68	55216		1066	70	149240
N5RF	464	71	65888		-	-	-
N5AF Multi	649	67	86966withWB5LVL		35	22	1540
W5JQ	591	70	82740		-	-	-
25 Entries			2298523	23 Entries			3072124

48 Total Entries= 5,370,647
 Average per entry= 111,888.48

Texas DX Society Constitution

Article I

Name

The name of this organization is the Texas DX Society.

Article II

Purpose

The primary objective of the Society is to stimulate and pursue the hobby of amateur radio dx and contest activities.

Article III

Officers

Section 1. The elected officers of this club shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. The appointed officers of this club shall be: Contest Chairman, Field Day Chairman, Repeater Chairman, Legal Chairman, DX Chairman and Communications Chairman.

Section 3. Vacancies in an elected office will be filled by the Board of Directors. Vacancies in an appointed office will be filled by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The term of office shall be one calendar year (January 1 through December 31).

Article IV

Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the four elected officers and the six appointed officers.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall have the power to transact any business of an immediate nature that occurs between regularly scheduled meetings by a majority vote with at least six

members voting. Such decisions shall be reported at the next regular club meeting.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet when the President deems it necessary upon notice to the board members. Six members will constitute a quorum.

Article V

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the four elected officers, and shall by majority vote appoint the appointed officers.

Article VI

Election of Officers

Section 1. Written nominations for each of the four elected officers shall be made to the club Secretary. The nomination period shall begin with the regular September meeting and end with the regular October meeting. Additional nominations shall be accepted from the floor during the regular October meeting.

Section 2. Election of officers shall be by secret ballot at the regular November meeting. Notice of the election shall be mailed to each regular club member by November 1. Absentee ballots shall be accepted by the club Secretary until twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. The Executive Committee members who are in attendance shall count the ballots. The election results shall be decided by a simple majority vote for each office.

Section 3. A runoff election shall be held between the top two candidates for any office in which no candidate receives a majority vote.

Section 4. The elected officers shall be introduced at the regular December meeting and shall officially take office on January 1.

Article VII

Dues

Section 1. The annual dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors each October and presented to the club for approval at the next scheduled meeting at which a quorum exists.

Section 2. The dues are payable on or before the first regular meeting in January of each year.

Section 3. Any member who is more than 60 days past due on his annual dues can be dropped from the membership by the Board of Directors.

Article VIII

Club Treasury

Section 1. The disposition of club money shall be decided by a 3/4 favorable vote of the members voting during a regular or special club meeting in which a quorum exists except as outlined in Article VIII, Section 2.

Section 2. The Board of Directors can authorize small appropriations not to exceed \$50.00 at any one time and not to exceed \$200.00 for a yearly period.

Section 3. The fiscal year shall be January 1 through December 31.

Article IX

General Business

All general business shall require a majority vote during a meeting in which a quorum is present.

Article X

Constitution Changes

Section 1. Each proposed constitutional change shall be submitted to the Secretary in writing.

Section 2. Each proposed constitutional change shall be read to the members at the next regular club meeting.

Section 3. Each constitutional change shall be presented to the full membership and receive a 2/3 favorable vote of the full membership to pass.

Article XI

Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Texas DX Society is open to any amateur radio operator who: has demonstrated an interest in DX or contest activities, holds a valid amateur license and is duly nominated and elected according to the procedures set forth in Article XII.

Section 2. A full member is an individual who meets the criteria of Article XI, Section 1 and attends at least FOUR regular meetings a year. A full member is entitled to vote on all issues before the Society, hold office, be a member of the Board of Directors and be chairman of a committee. The previous years attendance record shall determine membership status of the current year. New members shall attend 33% of the remaining meetings to be qualified for the coming year.

Section 3. An associate member is an individual who has met the criteria of Article XI, Section 1 but who has not attained the minimum meeting requirement. An associate member shall be reinstated as a full member by the Board of Directors if he attains the minimum meeting requirement. An associate member cannot vote on issues before the Society nor hold elected office or appointed office.

Article XII

Method of Electing Members

1. The name and application of a prospective member, proposed by a full member, shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors through the club Secretary.
2. The Board of Directors shall consider the eligibility and qualifications of the proposed member in closed session and notify the proposer through the club Secretary of its decision.
3. If the decision is favorable, the proposer shall formally introduce the prospective member at a regular meeting.
4. Thirty days after introduction, the Secretary shall mail ballots to all full members.
5. A favorable vote of 75% with at least 50% of the members voting shall be necessary for election.

Article XIII

Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held on the second Friday of each month except as outlined in Article XIII, Section 4, at a time and place set forth by the Board of Directors. In the event that the meeting conflicts with another activity of interest to many Society members, the Board of Directors may designate the preceeding or following Friday as an alternate meeting night.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President after polling the Board of Directors.

Section 3. A quorum for regular and special meetings shall consist of 25% of the full member membership and must include the

President or Vice President and any three members of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The regular December meeting shall be held during the month of December at a time and place set forth by the Board of Directors.

Article XIV

Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors and shall represent the Society at all times and shall perform all other duties pertaining to that office.

Section 2. The Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall perform the duties of the President and shall be in charge of the meeting programs.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all regular, special and Board of Director meetings, shall keep attendance records for meetings and shall keep all records pertaining to this office.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds, shall keep auditable records, collect dues, pay all bills as approved by the Society and/or the Board of Directors, and shall render a monthly statement and an annual report.

Section 5. The appointed officers shall have duties and responsibilities as determined by the Executive Committee.